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Sedgfield NEWS

November 2008

Hammingeln and Sedgfield -

27 years of friendship

At the beginning of September a party of 17 people from Sedgfield set off for our bi-annual Twinning Visit to Hammingeln. Most of us were visiting old friends; but we were delighted to be able to take some "first timers" this time, in particular our Mayor Tim Jeanes and his wife Anne – who, having been warned that they would come home needing another holiday to recover, were perhaps a little anxious about what was in store! They need not have worried - we all had a fabulous week and can't wait to see our friends again next year and return some of that very generous hospitality.

Many treats had been planned for us, including a full day trip to Münster, an excellent guided tour of the cathedral, followed by a visit to an open air museum, where we had a very amusing guide in local costume who told jokes in German and English and treated us to a typical ... continued on page 3



Above: Long time 'twinners' Keith & Nancy Wells with Bürgermeister Holger Schlierf, receiving a beautiful glass plaque depicting the Sedgfield and Hammingeln logos, intriguingly combined.

Below: a magnificent achievement for the squash club. Full report in Sports Update on page 6.

Caravan Park

As you may already know the application to site 378 caravans and lodges on historic parkland adjacent to Hardwick Country Park was turned down on appeal. The applicant is now re-applying for permission on the same site, with the omission of the previously proposed lodges. This proposal is for 330 caravans.

There has been a very short pre-application, unmanned consultation in the library for two days, 17th and 18th October and by now the full application will probably have been submitted.

Sedgfield Residents' Forum hopes to seek the views of the community shortly about this proposal, in the meantime if you are interested in this application or would like to discuss it further please contact them via the Town Council office.

SEDGFIELD SQUASH CLUB 2007/2008 CLUB OF THE YEAR



Fireworks Display

6.30pm Saturday 1st November

Ceddesfeld Hall grounds

£2 adults £1 Children

Tickets from Town Council office
and the Post Office

33rd Sedgefield Drama Festival report

The highly successful Festival of One Act Plays was held in September, with packed houses all week and a very high standard throughout the week. Overall winners were Saltburn 53 Drama Group with "Only a Matter of Time" and the Audience Award went to "Seven Stages of an Affair" by Cliffe Theatre, whose Barrie Robinson won Best Actor. Sedgefield Players won the Mayor's Runner-up Award for their production of "High Brave Boy", in which Sarah Legender won Best Actress and Sarah McGuinness, the individual youth award. Both gave outstanding performances under the talented direction of Thomas Guest. The Peter Young Quach for Youth was awarded to the SPYS for "The Wind in the Willows", which also won the Costume Award and the Cameo Award for Janine Yaxley as the Washerwoman. Sedgefield Players also won the John Walker Memorial Award for Technical Presentation for the very effective music in "Melody".

Statement Drama Company of Scarborough won Most Effective Set for "Do Us Part" and the Best 30 Seconds Award for the opening scene of "It's About Forgiveness", in which Sue Wilding as Myrna won the Adjudicator's Award. Best Supporting Actor and Actress were Doug Clayton of Richmond ADS in "The Last Bread Pudding" and Lin Blyth of Masham Players in "Costa del Packet". Rowan Pierce won the Ray Tate Award for Endeavour for her direction of Saltburn 53 Youth Group in "The Cagebirds". Adjudicator Colin Dolley, on his sixth visit to Sedgefield, was very impressed by the standard of the Festival, saying any one of the top five productions would have won many another festival. He also expressed admiration for the wonderful refurbishment of the Parish Hall, which had been under threat of closure on his last visit in 2005. Mayor Tim Jeanes, who had been instrumental in the development of the hall, and his wife Anne presented the awards. They are pictured below with members of the Players and SPYS.



Christmas Shopping

Our annual trip to York is on Saturday 29th November, leaving Sedgefield at 8.20 am, returning from York at 5 pm.

Tickets cost £10 (return) or £8 for under 18's and OAPs.

Everyone is welcome and all proceeds go to Sedgefield Community College P.T.F.A.

'It's cheaper by far than travelling by car!'

Please contact Sharon Rhodes on 01740 623963 for tickets.

Christmas Concert

Get into the seasonal spirit with **Sedgefield Lyric Singers, SLYC and Lirica**

7.30pm in the Parish Hall on Fri 12th & Sat 13th December
Tickets £5 or £4 concessions from Selections or call 620625

'Lirica'

has launched their first CD. The quality of singing is superb and with a repertoire ranging from classic choral work to jazz, folk and more, it makes great listening. Available at £10 from any of the singers.

The Jack Smith Trust Fund



You'll remember Jack, who was in the news after he broke his neck playing for Billingham under 17s. Efforts are continuing to build up the Trust Fund which will help Jack to live a fulfilling life following his accident. We've heard this month from Sue and Colin Wears, pictured above with Jack.

"We would like to thank all who have sponsored us for the Jack Smith Trust Fund in the Great North Run. We hope to raise approximately £1500. Thanks go to all the clients, past and present of Clifton Lodge Veterinary Group, who have been generous with sponsorship. We would also like to thank Knotty Hill golf club for generous donations to the fund; also Sedgefield News, without whose help we would not have reached such a wide audience". Jack would like to thank Sue and Colin for doing the run and everyone who sponsored them; his family are most grateful for the support and help shown by everyone.

Watch out for the **Evening Gazette's Make a Wish** campaign. Billingham Rugby Club are collecting tokens printed in the Gazette & donating all monies to the Fund. Anyone willing to collect the tokens for the Jack Smith Trust Fund can leave them with Sue Wears at the Clifton Lodge Veterinary practice on East End. The tokens will then be forwarded to the Rugby Club.

EDDIE'S @ 4

A new informal service for young children (approximately 2 - 6 years), Eddie's @ 4 takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm in the

Welcome Room at St Edmund's. It involves a bible story, songs, an activity (with something to make and take home!) and refreshments.

The next Eddies @ 4 will be on Sunday 2nd November.

All welcome.



Adult Education in the Community

Do you have time to spare?

**Are you interested in expanding your
knowledge and potential?**

Then you may be interested in the following courses taking place at
Sedgefield Community College over the period of
November - December 2008

Aromatherapy

Art

I.C.T.

To register or for further information please contact:

Julie Quinn - 01740 625300

Cobwebs Over Sedgefield!

No, Sedgefield has not been taken over by arachnids!

It has been a few years since Andy Jackson's Cobweb Orchestra last came to Sedgefield to treat us to a programme of classical music but they came back in late September with their Baroque group, led by Toby Lipman. They spent much of the day rehearsing a programme of 5 delightful pieces, then kept the audience in St. Edmund's Parish Church enthralled with splendid music and fascinating insights into the history of each piece.

The programme consisted of 3 Vivaldi Concerti, including the famous Echo Concerto in A major, Telemann's Don Quixote Overture (Toby humorously explaining the significance of each piece in the Suite) and J.S. Bach's Concerto for 2 violins, which demonstrated both players' nimble-fingered technique to great effect. 14 year old Tim Jasper was on home soil for once, playing 'cello with the Cobwebs, and a guest appearance by another 14 year old Sedgefield boy, Jonathan Clegg, on St. Edmund's Church organ, showed his burgeoning talent with his arrangement of Pachelbel's Canon plus 2 of his own stirring compositions.

The audience made their way home afterwards with many a good tune still dancing around in their heads, no doubt anticipating the next occasion when Cobwebs descend on Sedgefield. Don't leave it too long.

For more information on The Cobweb Orchestra, just click on the following link: www.cobweborchestra.org.uk

To complete the invasion of Sedgefield by the Cobwebs, their wind and brass group met in the Parish Hall for a music workshop, led by 2 members of the Aurora Quintet and were delighted to see how good the building now looks, following its refurbishment. They were all very keen to come back and perform in a concert in it, now it is ideal for such a purpose.

You can catch the Cobwebs on Sunday 2nd November in Bishop Auckland Town Hall in their tea-time concert.

Twinning visit ...continued from front page

Münsterland fare of pork and sauerkraut round an open fire in a traditional barn with no chimney – very atmospheric! We also had a wonderful boat trip along the Rhine from Wesel to Duisburg including a panoramic tour of Duisburg Harbour. The sun shone all the time! A more unusual but very interesting highlight was a visit to the construction site of the new bridge over the Rhine at Wesel, followed by a visit to the Museum of Prussia. Between visits we had free days with our host families and every available bit of spare time was filled by invitations to meals and "Kaffee und Kuchen" (coffee and cakes) – a worthy German tradition which does one's waistline no good at all! On our final Saturday we were all invited to "brunch" at a local hostelry, where gifts were exchanged and speeches made. We flew home on the Sunday, after an ecumenical service in Hamminkeln and, for some, a visit to an "Apfelfest" (Apple festival) for a final taste of Germany.

Meditation

Meditation classes lead by a Buddhist practitioner from Atisha Centre in Darlington take place in Ceddesheld Hall on Tuesdays from 7.30 – 9pm. "Meditation calms our mind, enables us to think more clearly and helps us access a deep sense of well-being. It guides us to find our own source of inner peace." Everyone is welcome. The classes include two guided meditations, discussion & refreshments.

www.atishameditation.co.uk

Cost £4.50 Contact Audrey

Coupland 07973742705

aacoupland@btinternet.com

"Thank you"...

...from the staff at Sedgefield Library to everybody who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Special thanks to Mrs Judge for donating first prize in the raffle. Together we managed to raise £150 – not bad for a morning's effort!

Run, Santa, Run!

Sedgefield Harriers were approached by Sedgefield Borough Mayor John Robinson to help stage the run on behalf of his nominated charity, Butterwick Hospice.

The resulting event – Run, Santa Run – will be staged at Hardwick Park on 7th December. Every adult runner receives a Santa Suit as part of their entry and every junior a Santa Hat! Entry forms from Sedgefield Harriers or Sedgefield Borough Council.

& while we're on the subject of running...

Dressed as a jockey, John Nicholls of Sedgefield completed the Great North Run in just over 3 hours.

John wishes to thank generous race-goers at Sedgefield

Racecourse, and other local sponsors for contributing £250 in aid of the Injured Jockeys' Fund.

*We must almost all know **someone** who ran the famous half marathon this year. Sedgefield News heartily congratulates every one of you!*

Community SAFETY



Winter Nights – Security Concerns

With the dark nights comes the burglar & sneak thief's greatest opportunity. Take the time and trouble to help yourself minimise the risk of providing them with an "early Xmas Bonus".

- Don't leave your house unlit after dark – use light timers, and draw your curtains.
- Don't leave valuable or desirable items on show.
- Lock your doors even when you are at home.
- Don't leave your keys (and this includes your car keys) where a thief can see them or where they can be hooked and retrieved via the letterbox.
- Tell a "trusted" neighbour of any extended periods of absence and ask for their help to push all letters and papers fully through the letterbox (& why not complain to the culprits who leave stuff sticking out in the first place?). Better still if you have a trusted neighbour ask them to draw curtains, move mail and newspapers out of sight and generally keep an eye on your home whilst you are away.
- Report any suspicious persons or out of place vehicles to the Police on 0345 60 60 365. The Police want us to do this, as it is a major source of crime detection & prevention.

Door Bars are a simple and effective deterrent to the sneak thief or unwelcome visitor; these are available from our local Community Warden Tim Spearey, who will also fit same if required (contact Tim - see phone details below or you can contact N/Hood Watch C/man Ken Saiger on 621896).

Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice and usually they go elsewhere, similarly good exterior lighting usually deters thieves; for advice on these items and other security aspects contact Neil Langthorne our local Crime Prevention Officer on 01325 742714.

To deter unwanted people from calling why don't you make your home visibly a **NO COLD CALLING HOME?** Encourage the unwanted door knockers to pass your house by. Attach a Neighbourhood Watch "This is a No Cold Calling Home" window or door sticker to a prominent position at the front of your property. Stickers are now available free of charge (1 per household) from the Town Council Offices in the village.

Telephone Numbers

Community Warden Tim Spearey at Sedgefield ring **623654**
or via Chilton Control Room ring **01388 721351**

Local Police: Telephone **0345 60 60 365** (keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident no).

For advice/assistance, CPO Neil Langthorne, 01325 742714
Community Liaison Officer - Mel Elliot, Telephone 01325 742755

Cold calling - advice on your rights.

A company called Medicare Health System Ltd is telephoning elderly people in County Durham offering to sell various pieces of equipment, such as massage chairs, at very high prices. They call and then send a representative to the person's home. They nearly sold a chair costing £1400 which can be obtained for approx £200 elsewhere. If it had not been for the intervention of this person's daughter this sale would have proceeded. We have also received reports of a white van operating in other parts of the county, cold calling to offer roofing repairs and possibly charging an excessive amount for the work undertaken.

It is now a legal requirement that consumers are given a written notice of cancellation rights, whether or not the visit is invited or a cold call at home. For further guidance and clarification on The Cancellation of Contracts made in a Consumer's Home or Place of Work etc Regulations 2008 (Doorstep Selling Rights) please contact Trading Standards on 0191 383 3589

PC Todd reports

Recently crime has moved from stealing from garages to an easier target – "Works' Vans". By their very nature, they suggest that inside, thieves would find a whole host of interesting and expensive tools and equipment (not forgetting the boring claw hammer and spanner set)

Works' vans have been targeted in Eden Drive, The Meadows and Hadleigh Close. Fishburn and the Trimdons have had similar problems. Please have a think as to making your van more secure.

A burglary was committed recently in Craggside which, in police terms, is known as a 2 in 1 burglary. This crime requires that a house is broken into and the car keys stolen. The burglars then leave by the front door, locking the door behind them, so that if you disturb them it gives them a chance of getting away.

Where do you keep your car keys? Other crimes reported to the police include damage to the church wall; windows broken in Sedgefield primary school; number plates stolen in West Park Lane and Millclose Walk.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in Ceddesfeld Hall. No incidents were reported, that required further action by members.

The temporary manager of the Hardwick Arms has now left and the new manager has taken over. We welcome Lyn Walshe and John Kneeshaw, and wish them the very best in their new venture. We look forward to seeing them at the next meeting.

Local Appeal

(To save embarrassment names will not be mentioned). I am seeking the help of local tradesmen; chippies, sparkies, plumbers, etc. to help improve the living standards of a resident who, by no fault of their own, has found life difficult. Local shops and businesses have provided materials free of charge. If you could spare a couple of hours to help please leave your details with Phil at the Black Lion, Stan at the Hope Inn or Graham at the Golden Lion. Many thanks,
Keith Todd



Thanks to Jeff Wragg for his timely scan of this nasty **SCAM** (left)

So this is just a warning to people to be very careful. A bogus 'Spanish lottery' has been targeting people in Sedgefield. We recommend that if you get sent one of these, put it to the best use possible - **recycle it!**

Jottings

Sedgefield Village Residents' Forum October meeting

As usual the meeting covered many issues, for example, footpath repairs (or lack of), village policing, information from the GP Patient Panel representative including information on the new LINK initiative (Link is about patient involvement in health care), transfer of SBC housing stock and the implication of the land involved, the situation with the new build at the Community College and what community facilities will be included - that's just highlighting a few of the issues.

Great concern was expressed that there seems to be a continuation of the stray dog attacking family pets, the police are still seeking to take action, but there continues to be great distress caused to those who are victims of this ongoing irresponsible dog ownership.

Local Government Reorganisation still is very unclear and we seem to be having the Area Action Partnership (AAP) areas forced on us without due consultation - there are rumours that we will be in Sedgefield and the Eastern Corridor (AAP) which may include areas as distant as Wingate, Thornley, Wheatley Hill - we await further clear information. Also, you may have seen in the press that, between 21 October 08 and 12 January 2009, the Electoral Commission's Boundary Committee wants to hear local views on how local areas should be represented before it consults on its draft recommendations between 7 April and 1 June 2009. It would seem that they want to draw some different boundary lines - all very confusing. We don't know who or how that consultation will be done but the Electoral Commission website is www.electoralcommission.org.uk/boundary-reviews. We have only managed a couple of Forum Agendas without the proposed Holiday Park taking considerable priority; unfortunately it is back on the Agenda already. The developer is submitting another application, still for 330 caravans (only removing the 48 lodges) so really the situation doesn't change; it will still be 330 residences impacting on our community resources. So we believe the community's objection to the development has not changed and we anticipate community action as before. Anyone wishing to help please leave your name and contact with the Town Council and we will be in touch.

And finally for this month **IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE** who would be willing to give some time to progress youth provision in the village? There is much talk of the need for action but no group of people are focused on progressing the issues. We would like to hear from anyone of any age who is willing to help - in particular young people, maybe some of you who have written letters to Sedgefield News on the issue would like to be part of the solution, but come on adults and parents let's do something for our young people, they deserve a place of their own as many other communities have. Again please give your name and contact to the Town Council Office before November 17th and we will be in touch.

German library 'twin'

Did anyone notice a new face in the library during the first couple of weeks of October? Iris Bolwerk comes from our twin town of Hamminkeln and works in a library at Hilden near Düsseldorf. She spent 2 weeks work experience in Sedgefield to improve her English and to learn about library practice in England.

We wish her all the best when she returns to Germany and hope to see her again when the Hamminkeln group come over in September 2009. If anybody would like to become involved with the Twinning group, whether to host somebody in September, to visit Germany in 2010, or just to take part in our many and varied social and fundraising events throughout the year, please contact Sheila Pinder on 621730, or any member of the Twinning Association.



High Tea in the Throne Room

Tickets are now on sale for The Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland "Ladies' Afternoon Tea". The event in Auckland Castle on Friday 31st October opens at 1pm, for what promises to be a festive shopping extravaganza, with stalls selling bespoke jewellery, designer stationery, beauty products from Clarins, bedding and soft furnishings, fine wines and champagnes, French pastries and Christmas cakes, individual designed greetings cards, and hand crafted chocolates.

Carol Foster from "Go Ahead Hats" will demonstrate high fashion and designer millinery. Guests are then invited to be seated in the Throne Room to be served a sumptuous afternoon tea of freshly cut sandwiches, scones served with dairy cream and country jam, warm toasted tea cakes and high class cakes, accompanied by a selection of fine blended teas or if you would prefer, 'Divine' roasted coffees.

Last year's event was a sell out and early indications of interest suggest that you should book your place **NOW**, to avoid disappointment. Groups wishing to attend can be seated in tables of ten or individuals may purchase as required. Tickets are £12.50 and are allocated on a first come first served basis. All proceeds from the event will go to the Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland.

To book, call 01388 603003 (Butterwick Hospice)

Sedgefield Community Hospital Christmas Fair

at West Cornforth Community Hall
1.30pm on

Saturday 8th November
Everyone very welcome

Sedgefield Primary School PTFA Christmas Sale

Wednesday 12th November
7.30 pm in Sedgefield Primary School Hall.

Enjoy a relaxing and friendly start to your Christmas shopping. Refreshments available. Stalls include Usbourne Books, Phoenix Cards, Body Shop (Hand Massages), Toys, Jewellery and lots more.

Free entry!
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FESTIVE FUN

SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

Last month was a bumper update, but we're not veering from feast to famine – as ever, I've been sent plenty of sports news. This time, racquet sports come to the fore, which is quite timely as Andy Murray has just won the Madrid Masters Series tennis event and continues his rise up the world rankings. He seems to be enjoying it all a bit more now and I'm sure I saw him smile on TV the other day, which made a nice change.

Badminton

Sedgefield Badminton Club has issued a 'clarion call' for new members. The club meets every Monday night between 7.15pm and 9.15pm at the Community College, and is keen to attract new adult members of all abilities and experience. Perhaps you have just arrived in the village or have taken up squash or tennis and fancy trying your hand at another sport that tests your hand-eye co-ordination. If so, get along on a Monday and have a go. The club is very social, with plenty happening off the court too. If you are interested in taking up Badminton, contact Stan Smith on 621883.

Squash

The new squash season has now started and hopes are high that more success lies ahead for Sedgefield Squash Club. At the recent Durham & Cleveland League Squash Awards ceremony, the club and its players walked off with several 'gongs'. The club received the club of the year award, a magnificent achievement, as it is the first small club ever to win that accolade. Stephen Rowsby and Peter Redshaw were crowned players of the division in their respective divisions and of course the first team picked up their award for being division 4 champions. That's a lot of 'divisions' in one sentence!

The club has decided to enter a ladies' team into the Durham and Cleveland Leagues this season, while continuing to field the successful ladies' friendly team. With that in mind, any budding lady squash players should contact the club. New members are always welcome and would be a great help in enabling Sedgefield to put out a team, though you can of course become a member without feeling obliged to play in a team.

The club's first internal competition of the season took place in September. The annual team handicap competition saw Stephen Rowsby's team victorious for the second year running, comprising of John O'Donnell, Gordon Peden, Andrew Cannings and Robert Pearce.

The club is currently pursuing a number of grant applications in order to improve and regenerate its facilities, via the replacement of floors, walls and shower areas, and would welcome feedback and support from as many people as possible in the village. Comments and support to aid the LIP grant application should be sent to crowsby@crowsby.fsnet.co.uk.

If you would like any further information about, or are interested in joining, Sedgefield Squash Club, contact Chris or Julia Rowsby on 621125 or visit the new website at www.sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk.

That's all for this month. As ever, if you have any sports news, let me know on chrisjlines@aol.com.



Junior Harrier, Seb Reichel receives his award from last year's winner Jonathan Baines.

Sedgefield Harriers Juniors

celebrated a tremendous year at their second annual presentation evening in Sedgefield Parish Hall on 18th October with parents and grandparents in attendance.

Seb Riechel took the top award for Junior Member of the Year. Head Coach Scott Hydon said it was not only for Seb's athletic ability and running performances representing the club but also for his excellent attitude at training and the pride he takes in wearing the club vest. Seb is and will continue to be a role model for other club members.

Also honored were Ellie Gaines, Girls' Cross Country Performance of the Year for her Yr4 girls cross country performances; Jonathan Baines, Boys' Cross Country Performance of the Year for his performance at the North East Cross Country Championships at Gateshead where he was 15th, although one of the youngest in the race; JT Fanelli, Girls' Field Performance of the Year for her 5.23m shot putt at a North York South Durham meeting which took first place; Joe Potts, Boys' Field Performance of the Year for his 3rd place 3.91m long jump in the u13 boys at a NYSD meeting; Gemma Varley, Girls' Track Performance of the Year for her fourth place at the North East Championships running the 3000m in 12.41; Matthew Walker, Boys' Track Performance of the Year for finishing 2nd in a NYSD meeting U11 800m in a time of 3:03.2.

Stephen Grieves received the Most Improved Award Boys' Award for jumping 4 stages in the 'Shine' awards by achieving 1:24 for 400m on a grass track. The Girls' Most Improved went to Kelly Dobson for coming 3rd in an NYSD 800m and 8th in a NYSD long jump and also for

stepping up her training by joining the club track sessions at Maiden Castle.

On a night attended by Sedgfield Borough Mayor and Mayoress John and Maxine Robinson, all juniors received their 'Shine Awards' measuring achievement and progress in athletic disciplines. The club is grateful to Peter Hinde and team for an excellent quiz and entertainment for the juniors, enjoyed by young and old alike. The Harriers are very grateful for the support they receive from the local community and for recently received donations from Ladies Circle and the Round Table as well as from individuals, which have enabled the purchase of equipment which will be invaluable for further development of junior members.

Great North Run

Ten Harriers completed this year's Great North Run including 'all runs' competitor John Tomlinson who just missed the 2 hours mark this time, but can be forgiven having taken part on 28 occasions. Others who ran were Ean Parsons, Anthony Long, Marie Walker, Richard Fearnside, Jane Spink, Alison MacNab, Melissa Hill, Clare Westwood and Anne Gladwin.

An incredible 58 others from the TS21 post code also took part. You would all be very welcome at the Harriers and especially to wear the Sedgfield vest in other races.

Congratulations to all, especially those running for charity.

Considering the numbers taking part Harriers are planning to organize a bus for 2009 to help with transport. Watch this space. Also, congratulations to the junior Harriers who took part in the Junior Great North Runs including Matthew Walker, Megan Devine, Harriet Wall, Alexandra Wall, Andrew Lawson and Jonathan Baines (apologies if any missed out!).

North York South Durham League Cross Country

The league got under way at Croft on Sunday 12th October. In the U13 boys Seb Reichel, Jonathan Hockey and Adam Flatters were 10th, 11th and 16th; in the U15 boys Jonathan Baines and Scott Kippen were 7th and 11th. In the senior & vet mens Gary Hetherington was 11th, Scott Hydon 65th and Ean Parsons 70th. The Harriers expect to make an impact throughout the winter with some good performances at junior and senior level.

Lastly, Harriers will repeat last year's family fun run at the Victorian Farmers' market on 14th December.

Sedgfield Guides

The troop joined another 800 scouts and guides from Durham County for the annual CONFIDO weekend camp at Moor House adventure centre. They took part in activities such as archery, rifle shooting, climbing & abseiling, buggies, grass sledging, craft activities and more.

On the Sunday, 5 guides made their Promise as the sun shone for them.

Pictured are Hebe, Kate, Lauren, Charlotte, patrol leader Lily, Lucy & Emma.



Hardwick Park restoration update

As anyone visiting Hardwick Park will have seen, restoration to its former 18th century glory is nearing completion. Current works involve the construction of the cascade on the dam – for which the lake's water level has been dropped; earthworks to create the final form of the temple Field and, perhaps most obvious, the works around the visitor centre to create the final landform and paths.

This phase of the work is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The 'official' opening of the site is expected to take place in April. New Year will see the visitor centre being fitted out and the final works undertaken around the Park such as the installation of litter and dog waste bins.

Unfortunately, due to many factors, the standard of care in the Park has been much less than we would hope to achieve and the Countryside Rangers will be working over the winter to bring the site up to a standard that will be more easy to maintain. A considerable amount of work has been undertaken by volunteers and we would very much like to hear from anyone interested in offering their services in helping run the Park. A range of tasks will be available so, if you are interested, please either have a word with the Site Ranger, Michael Munro, or contact us at the address below.

Although the development of the Park has been funded from many different sources, and most notably the Heritage Lottery Fund, much of the costs of running the Park still need to be found. One aspect that will be essential to generate income will be to charge for parking. Early in the New Year the new car park will be opened and the current car parks and vehicle access closed. A charge of £1.00 per car will be made until the formal opening of the visitor centre. A 'season' ticket will be available for regular visitors but the cost is yet to be determined. A revised scale of charges will operate following the Park's formal opening.

We do hope you will enjoy the restored Park and the new range of facilities that are being provided. More information about the opening will be given in the next edition of Sedgfield News. For more information on any subject concerning the Park, please speak to Michael, email us at rangers@durham.gov.uk, telephone on 0191 383 4144 or write to Sites, Rangers and Ecology, Environment, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham. DH1 5UQ

November Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Cricket Club Quiz Night

Saturday 1st November
Bar open 7:30. Quiz starts 8pm

EDDIE'S @ 4

Sunday 2nd November at 4 pm
Service for 2 - 6 year olds in the Welcome Room, St Edmund's.

Local History Society

7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

Monday 3rd November

Dr Dorothy Hamilton, on
"Durham & Newcastle in the 17th Century"

All welcome

Sedgefield Mags

Monday 3rd November

8pm in the Nag's Head
'Sedgefield Mags' run a bus to all
Newcastle United home games

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 4th November

a talk by Brigid Press

Organic Vegetables & her Background in Gardening

All welcome

CeddesFolk

Acoustic Session

Ceddesfeld Hall from 8pm

Wednesday 5th November

Join our line up of fiddles, whistles, squeezeboxes, guitars, ukuleles ...

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 5th November

7.15pm in the Parish Hall

Pat Buckley-Atkins

"Social Housing"

Members' competition -

a potato person

Visitors always welcome - £2

Family Bingo

in Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 8th November

Eyes down at 7.30pm

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

Sunday 9th November

on the Village Green

Craft Fair

Sunday 9th November

Parish Hall 10am - 4pm

Jewellery, handcrafted cards,
knitted crafts, photography etc.
Free entry Light refreshments

Mobile Movies

See posters for dates & programme
Entry £2 all ages

NE Concertina Players

Sunday 9th November

at 2pm in Ceddesfeld Hall
*Beginners meet on 2nd & 4th
Sundays at 1pm*

Sedgefield Methodist

Wives & Friends

Monday 10th November, 7.15pm

Jewellery Sale (Marion Greenwell)

Monday 24th October, 7.15pm

Elegance Nail Therapist

New members always welcome

Sedgefield Veterans Group

Tuesday 11th November

10.45am: **Armistice Service**

at St Luke's Chapel, Winterton

All Welcome

Sedgefield Civic Trust

Thursday 13th November

7pm in the Parish Hall

"A Question of Trust"

Guest speaker from NE Civic Trust

Thurlow Grange

Friday 14th November

Marjorie on keyboard

6 - 8pm. Buffet. £2 cover charge

Wednesday 26th November

Clothes Party - 4 Seasons

10am - noon

Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 17th November

Ceddesfeld Hall 7.45pm

Jennifer Gill

"Food in the Archives"

For more information please ring

Sylvia Hall 620367

Visitors are always welcome

Sedgefield Residents Forum

Monday 17th November

Fletcher Room, Parish Hall at 7pm.

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Tuesday 18th November 7.30pm

Open Meeting in the Parish Hall

Advent of Christmas

Rose-Marie Tree,

National Demonstrator

All Welcome

Sedgefield Show

A.G.M in the Nag's Head at 8pm

Thursday 20th November

All Welcome

Sedgefield Veterans Group

Monthly meeting: Parish Hall 7pm

Thursday 20th November

New members always welcome

Live Music Night

8pm at Sedgefield Cricket Club

Saturday 22nd November

Main guests:

Peter Donnegan Band

also featuring

Blue Horizon, Old Age Travellers &

Admission £9 inc buffet

by ticket only. Tel: 621347

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 27th November

7.45pm in the Parish Hall

Speaker to be confirmed

Info from Steve Ashton 620559

All welcome

November @ the Library

Toy Library

Weds 5th & 19th, 10-11am

Tickle Time

Monday 10th & 24th, 2.15 - 3pm

Rhyme Time

Weds 12th & 26th, 10 - 11am

Book Circle

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox

by Maggie O'Farrell

Wednesday 19th, 2pm

101 Gigs in November

01 - Bike Rally, Newton Aycliffe

02 - The Royalty, Sunderland

06 - The Gold Medal, Low Fell

08 - Grand Hotel, Bishop Auckland

12 - Tap & Spile, Guisborough

14 - The Daisy Hill, Sacriston

15 - Ye Olde Horseshoe, Crook

16 - Normanby Hotel, Normanby

17 - The Red Lion, Norton

21 - Ox & Plough, Washington

22 - The Green Tree, M'brough

23 - Town Hall Hotel, Richmond

28 - Duke of Cumberland, G'head

29 - The Penny Black, Hartburn

30 - The Star, Newcastle (4pm)

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable

events - new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

Ladies' Circle

2nd & 4th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable
events - new members welcome

Contact Viv on 629079

Country Market

Friday mornings in the Parish Hall

COMING UP

Lyrics' Christmas concert

see page 2 for details

**Please send your December &
January notices early if possible**

Hardwick Views or Sedgefield Views?

I understand that some people have been confused, believing that the recent application for the Caravan Park on Brakes Farm is an integral part of the Regeneration Project to restore the Country Park to its former glory. This is not correct. The Country Park restoration was a stand alone project funded by Heritage Lottery, Durham County Council and several other grant making bodies, who have made extremely generous contributions to this project. This was based on a detailed Business Plan drawn up by Durham County Council in 2001.

Enormous amounts of public funds have gone into this project and the Friends of Hardwick have through their own efforts contributed to the restoration of Neptune by raising funds through the Northern Rock Foundation.

I am sure you will agree we all want to see this Regeneration Project come to fruition, and not to become integrated into a development which has no relationship whatsoever with this project. *Gloria Wills*

Going For Gold (or at least to finish!)

Four Year 3 girls from Sedgefield Primary School took part in the Mini Great North Run held at Newcastle Quayside on Saturday 4th October. All are pupils in Mr Simpson's class and have actively sought sponsorship (with their parents' help!) to raise as much money as possible for good causes.

Training for the big event was somewhat unconventional; the girls prepared through participation in other shared sporting interests including dancing and gymnastics. Jessica Brown is a Sedgefield News volunteer and has been busy delivering the community newspaper along Station Road during the past two months, jogging on her 'round'!

The girls were cheered on by their families on a cold and wet Saturday morning, but nothing could dampen their spirits, and huge smiles at the end of the run made up for sore feet and aching bones.

Jessica Brown and Jessica Goodwin ran for Cancer Research, and Annabelle Usher and Hollie Wilkinson for Leukaemia Research. In total, they raised just over £500 for the two charitable causes, all donated by family, friends, school buddies and well wishers from the village. A big thank you to all who supported the girls on their special day. Maybe next year their parents will follow the girls' example and participate in the run! We are so proud of you all!

From the parents of Jessica B and G, Annabelle & Hollie.

Pictured showing off their well deserved medals after completing the 1 mile run are, left to right, Annabelle Usher, Hollie Wilkinson, Jessica Brown & Jessica Goodwin



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